

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 15-25 are amended.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest at least two polarizers provided at a light-exiting-surface side of the liquid crystal panel, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Sugawara discloses a projection type display apparatus 10 which comprises a light source 14, a polarized light conversion unit 18 and three light valves 20R, 20G and 20B. The light valves 20R, 20G and 20B comprise liquid crystal panels which form red, green and blue images. Polarizers 21 and 22 are arranged on the opposite sides of each light valve, and a condenser lens 23 is located on the light incidence side of each light valve, as best seen in Figure 1.

According to the present invention, and as best seen in Figure 1, the liquid crystal light valve 410R, for example, comprises liquid crystal panels 411R, a light incidence side polarizer 412R and at least two light-exiting-side polarizers 413R and 414R. In contrast, Sugawara discloses that the polarizers 21 and 22 are arranged on the opposite sides of each of the light valves which comprise a liquid crystal panel. Accordingly, Sugawara does not disclose that at least two polarizers are provided at a light exiting surface side of the liquid crystal panel, as claimed in claim 1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested. Further, new claims 15-25 are in condition for allowance at least for their dependency on allowable claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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